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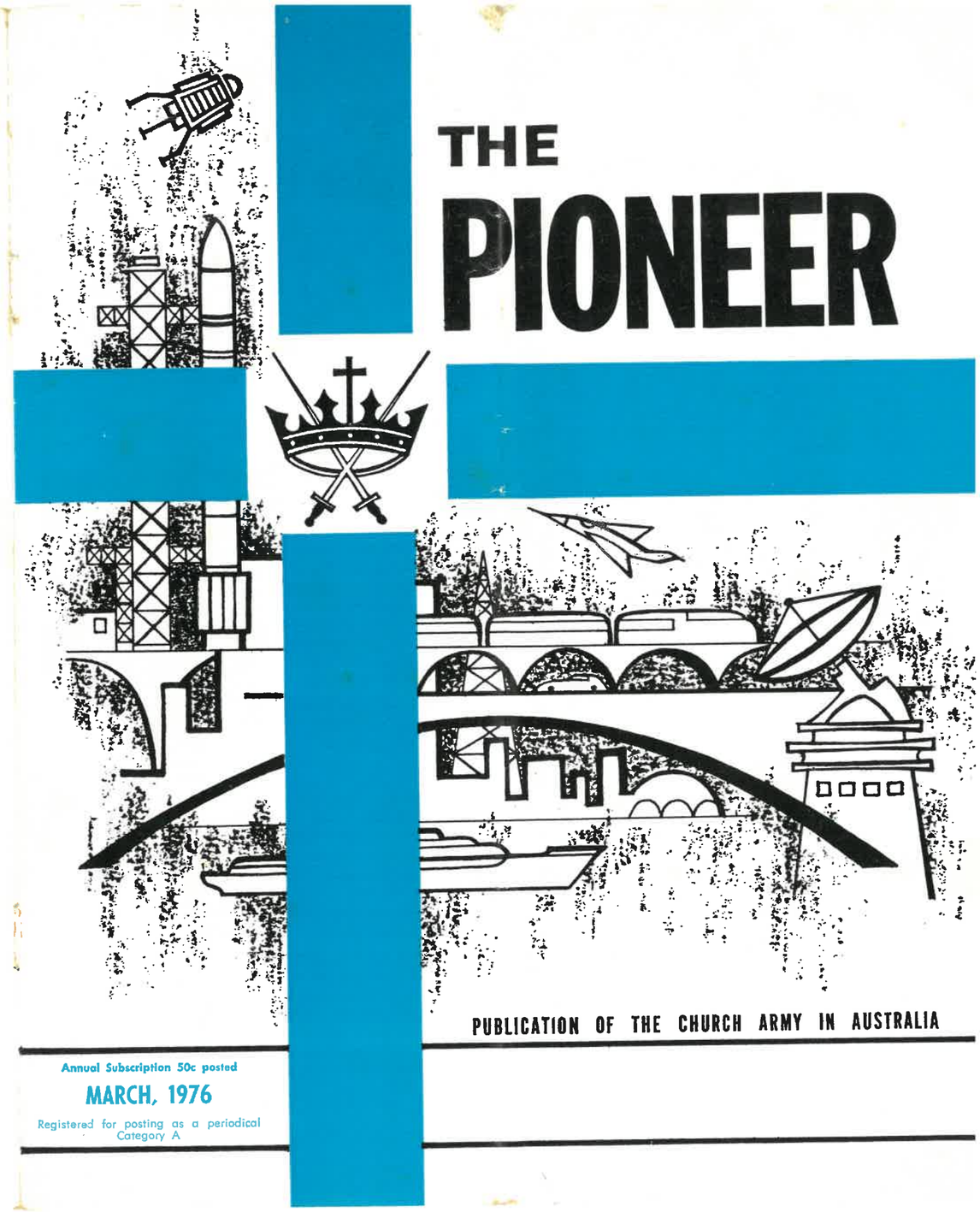

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OUR FINANCIAL POSITION

For the information of our supporters, the following summary has been compiled from our Annual Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1975 :

TOTAL INCOME WAS	**$132082**
Subscriptions and Donations	18448
Allocations	3549
Retiring Collections	657
"Pioneer" Subscriptions	420
Field Work	79775
Gross Profits — sale of books	27088
Interest	122
Gain on sale of motor vehicle	1073

TOTAL EXPENDITURE WAS	**$136714**
Salaries	80676
Training College	9991
Staff Welfare	9705
Office Expenses	6471
Bookshop Costs	20536
General Expenses and Travelling	5711
Board and Lodging	2186
Depreciation	1438

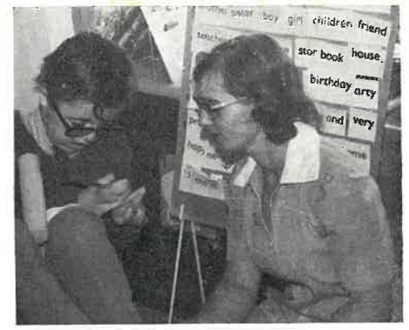
This left a DEFICIT on operations of			**$4632**
Legacies received	5817		
Dividends from investments	343	6160	
Less Deficit		4632	1528
Capital : At beginning of year			98572
Recovery — Hosp. Fund Contributions			617
Capital : At end of year			100717

FUNDS EMPLOYED WERE :			
Capital			100717
General Reserve			8530
Trusts			5415
			114662
EMPLOYMENT OF FUNDS :			
Fixed Assets —			
Land and buildings			81455
Furniture, fittings, cars, van, etc.			18230
			99685
Investments —			
Shares at cost			2964
Current Assets —			
Stocks		17770	
Deposits at call		551	
Cash at Bank (Bookshop)		4101	
Trust Funds		5052	
Debtors (Bookshop)		7142	
		34616	
DEDUCT :			
Current liabilities —			
Bank overdraft		4612	
Trade Creditors		8593	
Provision for Long Service Leave		2530	
Loans — interest free		2350	
Car Finance Board		4518	
		22603	
Current assets in excess of current liabilities			12013
			$114662

dents. Many officers, myself included, were particularly interested in his plans to involve officers in the training of students, and encourage officers to engage in further training. I should imagine the students will be in for a stimulating time as Mr. MacRobb gets established !

Mr. Dick Manuel, a member of the Board, gave us two sessions on "Choosing and Using Objectives." The topic sounded mundane, but turned out to be a really inspiring talk on how to organise ourselves and our time (which is, after all, a God-given gift) much more efficiently. It was good, too, to have a session with Mr. Kevin Llewellyn, the Society's Honorary Treasurer. He very gamely tried to answer all our questions. When you don't understand financial matters it's good to know that there is someone around like Mr. Llewellyn, who does !

One of the most important aspects of any Conference is to discuss the policy, direction and needs of the Society. We thought about new spheres of work; asked the questions — "Could students do six months' mission work before settling into their jobs ?" — "Could we have a mobile missionary team prepared to go where needed ?" — "Could officers conduct training courses on evangelism at diocesan level, as invited ?" — "Should the Church Army be training men and women, who want to be evangelists in their daily work ?" Many such ideas were tossed around.



Josie teaching at the Nepean School for crippled children.

It was a wet week as far as the weather was concerned, but a very sunny week for good fellowship, good fun and a time of refreshment. I was sorry when the week came to an end — so apparently was my car, the rain had soaked the distributor, and it refused to start on Friday morning !

Editorial . . .

This issue seems to be rather full of people "coming and going" — in fact, one page has that caption as its heading.

For many people, life involves very little moving. A large number never live outside a radius of a few miles, and their holidays take them no further than a holiday resort on the coast. But for others, moving — whether planned, desired, or of necessity — is a part of living. Most of us don't like moving, though. Most of us don't like change of any kind very much. But sometimes, as with Abraham and Sarah, God calls us to shake off the things which make up our security.

Heavenly Father, help us never to be afraid of new truth, but always to open our minds to Your Spirit's teaching. Help us never to be afraid of courageous action or change, but always to act without fear as Your Spirit prompts. And help us to yield ourselves wholly to Your Spirit, so that You may be able to equip us for Your work, and to use us in Your service : through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TO MAKE A CHURCH

In a couple of months Sister Bev Rilatt will travel to England, on leave of absence. Her purpose in going is to do further studies, to have some experience with the English Church Army, and to take some personal leave to spend time with members of her family over there.

For the past 2½ years, Bev has worked in the new housing area of Lockridge/Eden Hill, a suburb of Perth, W.A. Recently, someone from Perth described Bev's ministry there as "a success story." In the following article, Bev gives us an over-all picture of what has been happening there.

Photos : Courtesy Captain J. Dewdney, N.Z.

INGREDIENTS:

One new Housing Commission area on the outskirts of Perth with a "tough" reputation
No church buildings
A congregation of eight
No Vestry
One Priest in charge, part time
A small amount of money
One residential Church Army Officer — female
200 Anglican families — with potential !

METHOD:

Take the existing congregation and get to know them well
Put the "family" together in one building, the local school
Begin to add the other families, one by one
Finally, mix all ingredients together and add a large amount of love, courage, vision, patience, humour, faith, willingness to learn from mistakes, and belief in the marvellous potential of each individual . . . . .

At Lockridge, our task was clear enough — we simply had to build a Church without a "church." We began with 'living stones' through visiting, counselling, teaching, praying, worshipping, loving, planning, playing ! A 'determined to give it a go' Vestry was soon elected, a family picnic enthusiastically supported, and a children's holiday programme undertaken, followed by Community Service — the launching of Meals on Wheels, support for a Playgroup for mums and kids, a programme of sex education for parents. Activities were planned according to the venue available — the community hall, local school, private homes, the oval, the Parish Worker's backyard ! Our need soon became apparent for more space, and a 'home' of our own, so the Vestry began planning our Parish Centre . . . .

Exciting concepts started to emerge — an all-purpose hall, a Meditation/relaxation/meeting room, a patio/verandah for barbecues and socials, and landscaping to include an Adventure Playground and a Conversation Pit/Amphitheatre. There was so much we could do with a Centre like that, and we wanted to

share with others the exciting potential we saw for fellowship, service and growth, so a Christian Development Programme followed, with increased involvement and commitment.

This 'set the stage' for the Dedication of the people of the Church of the Resurrection, and the Opening of their new Centre, "Emmaus," on 8th February, 1975 by the Archbishop of Perth, the Most Rev. G. Sambell. At last our Church had a "church" . . . and, we prayed, a new tool for continued service and outreach. The Church responded with vigour — children were taught, cared for and loved through a Choir, Christian Education Club and After School Group. Adults were involved through Services, discussion groups and coffee mornings, while others were cared for through concerned visitors. Teenagers responded enthusiastically to a Club which was designed especially for them and their needs.

All this was done by our marvellous lay people who began to realise the potential within them through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and the fact that our parish life was based on the teamwork of a part time priest and a trained lay worker. They too became part of that team, and together we undertook the training, visiting and sharing of our first Planned Giving Programme. The enjoyment of being with 150 others at our Family Dinner was a moving experience, together with the thrill of seeing men and women beginning to shoulder their financial responsibility squarely.

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered the plant, but it was God who made the plant grow . . . . " (1 Cor.3:6). How delighted our team was in October 1975 when our Archbishop was able to announce the appointment of our long awaited residential Priest-in-Charge . . . . **"We are partners working together for God, and you are God's field."** (1 Cor.3:9).

More Comings and Goings

PREBENDARY DONALD LYNCH has had a long and constant link with the Church Army in England over the 40 years of his ministry. In 1953, he became involved in a full-time capacity as Principal of the Training College, and later became Chief Secretary of the Church Army in England. Recently, Prebendary Lynch retired from the "active ministry" and from his leadership of the Society. As one of the "daughter" Societies, we would like to pay tribute to his able leadership of the English Church Army, and his contribution to evangelism in the Church in general, through his position in the Society.

NEW CHIEF SECRETARY

The Rev. Michael Turnbull, until recently the vicar of a parish in the north of England, is the new leader of the Church Army in England. He is married with three young children. Mr. Turnbull brings to his new position an excitement for the future of the Church, and the Church Army in particular, and the willingness to learn from, and to give responsible leadership to the English Officers.

We extend to him our prayerful support for the exacting task to which he has been called.